

# Frédéric Chopin

(to a friend)

Palma, 28 December 1838

**Larghetto e languido**

Voice

*il tempo sempre un po' rubato*

Guitar

*p*

*sim.*

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ag - ine me, be - tween rocks and sea, in a

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cell in an im - mense des - ert - ed mon - as - ter - y, its doors

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big - ger than the coach en - trance to an - y Par - is man - sion.

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9 *mp*

sul pont. Here I am with my hair un-curled, no white

*mp*

sul tasto

11 *p*

gloves, and as pale as u-su-al.

*p*

13 *Poco più mosso mp*

My cell, shaped like a great

*mp*

15 *ritard.*

cof-fin, has a vast and dust-y arched ceil-ing,

*ritard.*

17 *Poco meno pp sotto voce*

— and a lit-tle win-dow look-ing to the gar-den with its or-ange-trees,—

*pp sotto voce*

19 *mp* palms and cy - press - es. Op - po - site the win - dow, *mp*

*mp*  
sonoroso

21 *pochino cresc.* be - low a ros - ette in the lac - y Moor - ish style, is a camp - bed. *mf* Be - side the

*pochino cresc.* *mf*

23 *decresc.* bed is an old un - touch - a - ble, a kind of square desk, on which stands a

*decresc.*

25 *mp* wax can - dle... *p* on the same desk, Bach, my scrib - bles, and oth - er pa - pers, not

*mp* *p*

28 mine... *pp* *pp sognando* (...and the or - ange - trees, *più p*)

*pp* *più p*

31 *Poco meno* *pp*

— palms and cy - press - es... ) Si - lence...

33

If you shout... si - lence a - gain... In short,

36 *morendo*

I am writ - ing from a ver - y strange place...—

*morendo*